

Men Change Little.  
The "Baby Vamp."  
Bodies For Dogs.  
Could You Die of Joy?

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Six thousand years ago your grandfather, many times removed, stood in the Garden of Eden, accused, and said in Bible Latin, "Miserere me deus."

Today, in Chicago, a broker, familiarly known as "Darling Dave," accused of a crime by a girl of fifteen, says through his lawyer that the girl tempted him and is a "baby vampire," by which is meant an immature vampire.

Americans had heard of the "baby grand" piano, "baby tank," and other diminutives.

"Baby vamp," invented by a worthy son of Adam, is new.

A reliable correspondent reveals the fact that Bulgarian savages murdered Serbians in a most cold-blooded way, taking a hundred at a time, cutting their throats. And "the village dogs would bring into the streets human arms and human heads which they tore from the bodies of the murdered men."

If the King of Bulgaria had happened to sell out to the allies instead of to Prussia—he was frankly for sale to the highest bidder—Bulgaria would be one of the allies now, and the very men that murdered the helpless and gave their bodies to the dogs would gather round the peace table with the great powers of the world guaranteeing them autonomy, authority, and democracy forever.

How many of those Balkan peoples that live by and in brigandage and brutality are fit to paddle their own canoes as democrats? Can you make a self-governing democracy of Balkan brigandage?

Lest we forget, and mistake ourselves for perfection, observe that in highly civilized Chicago the homes of two negro families are dynamited. Their crime? They moved into a white neighborhood. This would indicate that humanity has not quite reached a stage that can be described as "all little brothers together."

Europe, adding up the dead and wounded, finds totals appalling. England had over 600,000 men killed, France 500,000; millions were wounded and suffered agony.

War is horrible, BUT ignorance and indifference are more costly than war. In four years 600,000 British were killed by war. In the same number of years a greater number of Americans, especially young children, were killed by preventable diseases, poisoned milk, high prices of food, compelling malnutrition; lack of sun in dark tenements, dust blown into their lungs from dirty streets.

It would be well for mothers and children if posterity could become as much excited about needless death in peace time as about killings in battle.

Burke, the great English "Liberal," grieved over the number of French nobles executed by legal decree during the French revolution in a short time.

And in the same time, in England, a larger number of poor devils were hanged by the neck until they were dead for stealing sheep, and other trifles.

It seemed horrible to Burke to execute noblemen, whose selfish class had kept France miserable and poor.

He saw nothing horrible in hanging a man guilty of stealing when he was hungry.

The French revolution stopped torture of innocent witnesses and hangings for petty larceny. It was a good revolution, and those noblemen who were executed would be dead now anyhow.

A German band leading a procession in Berlin in "Unter den Linden" played the "Marseillaise." There's a change for you.

And the revolutionary government in Berlin is quieting down, planning order and protection for property, and making up its mind not to be "purely socialist" after all. Understand now the story of the Socialist who had two pigs and would not give one away.

German Socialists, now actually having a government, mean to keep it and enjoy it.

Possession makes the human conservative. Joseph Pulitzer, who accumulated \$25,000,000 a newspaper man and dropped much of his radicalism in the process, said most earnestly:

"Brisbane, Brisbane, if you ever get any money, which you never will, you will find that it changes your opinions."

What is your idea of happiness? What piece of news would make you die of joy?

William G. Riley, fifty-one years old, was sentenced to life imprisonment twenty-three years ago. He was a good prisoner. The warden told him his sentence had been commuted to fifteen years.

Riley burst a blood vessel with joy and has been in the hospital ever since. Now the governor of Michigan has pardoned him absolutely, and they don't dare tell him for fear he will die.

Happiness is, after all, only comparative. The Kaiser himself may hear news and call it good, although a few weeks ago he would have called it an insult.

WEATHER:

Cloudy tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy; no change in temperature. Temperature at 8 a. m., 45 degrees; normal temperature for Nov. 21 for last 30 years, 48 degrees.

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# GERMAN FLEET SURRENDERS TO U. S., BRITISH, AND FRENCH

## PRETTY GIRL FOUND KILLED IN WOOD NEAR VIRGINIA HOME

LYNCHBURG, Va., Nov. 21.—The murder of Eva Roy in Fairfax county several months ago was duplicated in nearly all details near here in Campbell county Tuesday night.

The murder was discovered yesterday morning, when the body of pretty Rosa Farmer was found in the woods, her clothes torn, her body bruised, and the undergrowth trampled.

Like Eva Roy, Rosa Farmer had left home on an errand and expected to return shortly.

Like Eva Roy, Rosa Farmer failed to return, and a posse composed of neighbors began a search for her.

Fought for Life.

The body was found hours later in trampled underbrush, which showed plainly how the girl had fought for her life.

Rosa Farmer was twenty-four years old and pretty. She lived on a farm near Boreas, in Campbell county, about six miles from Lynchburg, with her mother and two sisters.

Tuesday afternoon she left her house to set some rabbit traps about a quarter of a mile from her home. That was the last time Rosa Farmer was seen alive by her relatives.

About 6 o'clock her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer, became worried and called upon her neighbors to search for her daughter. The search continued throughout the night. At dawn the body of Rosa was found.

Marks on her throat showed that she had been choked and that death probably was due to strangulation.

Verdict Is Returned.

Eva Roy was choked to death. J. R. Reid, justice of the peace; Dr. F. W. Roesser, and C. A. Light, Commonwealth's attorney, conducted an inquest, and brought in a verdict that Rosa Farmer was attacked, assaulted, and killed by an "unknown party."

Lou Hall, the woodchopper of Fairfax county, accused of murdering Eva Roy, is to be placed on trial Monday at a Fairfax county court house, but the prosecution admits it has only circumstantial evidence against the man, and his acquittal is expected by his friends.

The authorities of Campbell county considering the strange similarity in the murders of Eva Ross and Rosa Farmer, are asking this question: "Did the man who killed Eva Roy also kill Rosa Farmer?"

DROP PLAN FOR ELECTION PROBE

Proposed investigation of the election of Truman H. Newberry to the Senate from Michigan was killed today by the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee by a vote of 6 to 5.

The committee's action was taken on the ground that it is improper to investigate a man who has not yet taken his seat in the Senate. The committee agreed that the present action will in no way prevent an inquiry after March 4, when Newberry succeeds Senator William Alden Smith.

THE DIXIE TIRE CO., 1118 H St. N. E., advertises tires for sale every day in The Times. Mr. Chidake, the manager, says: "I sell more tires from The Times advertising than all of the other papers combined."

## Girls Tell Court How They Were Tricked By Hex Doctor

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Nov. 21.—The weirdest case that has been heard in a criminal court in this section in years was the one that developed when John H. Keckler, a stone mason and reputed "hex" doctor, was placed on trial before a jury in Chambersburg, charged with a serious offense by Ada and Grace Kriner, the daughters of Harry Kriner, a well-to-do farmer living near Lemaster.

The girls are aged seventeen and sixteen years, respectively. The principal and most incriminating testimony was given by the girls and their father.

Told of Witches.

Mr. Kriner said that in July, 1915, Ruth Heckman brought Keckler to his home, and that Keckler told him that witches were working on the place, and he proposed to lay a number of "seals" around the premises to drive the witches away.

"Seals" were described as small pieces of muslin sewed in bags. It developed that witches had been cutting up queer pranks on the place, making dogs and cattle sick, causing members of the family to have queer dreams and become short of breath, etc.

Kriner testified that the Heckmans asked that his two daughters be allowed to go to their home, where Keckler was after delivering the girls at the house the witness remarked to Keckler: "I'm giving them into your hands."

Keckler replied, he said: "They are as safe in my hands as in their God's." Kriner said he knew the girls were to go to Keckler's bed and "touch the hem of his garment," as a part of the incantation which was to drive the witches away.

Came With New News.

Mr. Kriner stated that Keckler came to the Heckman home about the time of each new moon, as he did his curing in the increase of the moon. The two girls were supposed to have witches, or spells on them, and the curing was to relieve them.

Mrs. Kriner, mother of the girls, corroborated her husband. She said the girls went to Heckman from six to twelve times. On one occasion Keckler drew a ring around her and her daughter, uttering incantations.

Grace Kriner, who has been married, testified that she and her sister visited the Heckman home half a dozen times while Heckler was there, and that she and her sister would go to Heckler's room, where the "doctor" would perform weird ceremonies in connection with his "hex" curing, in addition to committing the crime with which he is charged. She said they were admonished by Heckler not to tell anything that had happened.

Girl Is Good Looking.

Ada Kriner is of good appearance and quiet manners. She said that after being asked to the Heckman home to help cure the witches she went to Heckler's room and was warned by Heckler not to tell anyone about it or something would happen to her.

SESSION WILL END THIS AFTERNOON

The sine die adjournment resolution was passed by the House today after it met this afternoon. It provides that the Congress shall stand adjourned at 5 o'clock tonight.

In response to a question by Republican Leader Gillett, Majority Leader Kitchin said he had conferred with Senators Lodge and Martin, and that they had agreed that the Senate should adopt the adjournment resolution just before 5 o'clock.

Senator Martin asked for immediate consideration of the resolution when it was reported to the Senate. However, Senator Borah objected. "I think we ought to give the membership time to decide whether they want to adjourn or not," Borah said.

The resolution then was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Instead of President Wilson going to the Capitol, arrangements were made to hurry to the White House all bills finally enacted by both Houses, so that they might be signed or vetoed by 5 p. m.—the adjournment hour. The food stimulation

## GEN. PERSHING REPORTS YANK TROOPS ARE IN LUXEMBURG

By BERT FORD, I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Nov. 21.—All of Luxembourg, the small grand duchy lying between France and Germany, swarms with American soldiers today.

The doughboys have entered the capital, and General Pershing announced that they would make a formal call upon Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide, the ruler, at noon.

The mayor of the capital paid a visit to General Dickman, commander of the American army of occupation. Everywhere one looks there are long columns of marching troops, passing in every direction.

Work at Repair.

The American lines of communication and supplies are working with the regularity of clockwork. Thousands of soldiers are at work repairing the broken roads, filling up shell holes and mending the railways.

True to their happy traditions the negroes sing lustily as they work. The main railway line, supplying the American army of occupation on the Rhine, is almost completed. It will be done in a few days. The soldier-workmen have been laying more track in a single day than an ordinary gang of section hands could put down in a month.

The doughboys were cheered and feted as they marched into the city of Luxembourg. Great crowds stood in the public square watching the Americans pass by. There were great columns of infantry, followed by rolling trains of artillery and machine gun units. There was an endless procession of motor trucks and wagons.

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From daybreak until dark this pro-

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## DRAFT EVADERS DIG TRENCHES TO RESIST

MONTREAL, Nov. 21.—The draft evaders who murdered Sheriff James McKay at Steep Creek, Saskatchewan, have constructed trenches and dugouts from which they are firing upon officials that attempt to arrest them, said a dispatch to this city today.

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## SENATE ASKED TO FOSTER U. S. OWNERSHIP OF BIG RAILROADS

A resolution seeking to pledge the Senate to a policy of permanent Government ownership of all interstate railroads, telegraphs, and telephones was introduced in the Senate this afternoon by Senator Lewis of Illinois.

The resolution also would place the Senate on record as favoring Government ownership of "all natural agencies for the production of fuel" and would express the Senate's opinion that the Government should construct and own ships and agencies of water transportation necessary for the merchant marine.

"Demand Should Regulate."

The matter of operation of these agencies, the resolution continues, is a subject to be regulated and adjusted in each instance according to the demands and circumstances surrounding the operation of that particular agency at the particular time of the demand for the use of that agency—be it railroad, steamship, telephone, telegraph, coal, or oil.

"It is the expression of the Senate," said the resolution, "that the policy of the United States Government for the future should be that of Government ownership of interstate railroads, telegraphs, telephones, and also national lines of communication necessary to complete postal and telegraphic service to the citizens of the nation."

"The Government should possess and own all natural agencies for the production of fuel produced from the land and created as the result of natural agencies. It shall construct and own ships and agencies of water transportation necessary for merchant marine."

ASK PERMIT TO RAISE GAS RATE

A petition for authority to sell gas in the District at an average rate of \$1.10 per thousand cubic feet was today filed with the Public Utilities Commission by the Washington Gas Light Company and the Georgetown Gas Light Company.

The Washington Gas Light Company claimed in its petition that a net corporate income loss of \$95,894.77 was sustained in the first six months' operation, under the 90-cent rate allowed last spring.

The Georgetown Gas Corporation advised the Public Utilities Commission in its petition that its net corporate income from all sources from January 1 to September 30 was \$9,500 short of operating expenses.

An order was issued to both companies last March by the commission to charge a rate not to exceed 30 cents a thousand cubic feet of gas, furnished for lighting, heating, power, etc.

The companies in their petition called attention to the fact that big increases in the price of gas making have developed since the March order.

FIRST YANKS DUE TO REACH HOME NEXT WEEK

LONDON, Nov. 21.—American transports have already begun to move Yankee soldiers homeward, the Manchester Guardian stated today.

It says that the latest arrival in England is an aviation unit, which is due in the United States by Thanksgiving.

## President Wilson to Visit Former Battle Fronts

President Wilson, in addition to attending the peace conference, will visit England and Italy and the former battle fronts, it was learned from authoritative sources this afternoon. It was said that the President is anxious to study, first hand, certain conditions that will enter into the reconstruction program.

## Receives Beaten Foe



ADMIRAL SIR DAVID BEATTIE, British fleet commander, who accepted surrendered German warships today.

## BAKSA GIRL SAYS MYSTERIOUS MAN KILLED LANDLADY

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—A mysterious man, another lodger in the rooming house at 507 West Twenty-third street, where it is charged Elizabeth Baksa, nineteen years old, murdered Mrs. Helen Hamel, the landlady, has been brought into the case by the girl and the husband of the slain woman.

The Baksa girl says she surprised the man in the act of strangling Mrs. Hamel in the kitchen of the lodging house and escaped when he attempted to kill her also.

Hamel, testifying at the trial of the girl in general sessions court today, admitted that a man lodger, whose name he said he did not know, had disappeared mysteriously on the day of the murder, or the following day, and had not been accounted for since.

Says He Threatened Her.

According to the Baksa girl's lawyer it was because this man threatened her life she fled to her home at Freemansburg, Pa. She says that when she surprised Hamel in the act of strangling Mrs. Hamel he was in his shirt sleeves and that his hands and arms were besmeared from the wounds he had inflicted on his victim. He had just wound the towel about Mrs. Hamel's neck and was tightening it when the defendant entered the room—so her story runs. "My God! What are you doing?"

## KING GEORGE WATCHES AS FOE WARSHIPS ARE GIVEN UP

LONDON, Nov. 21 (12:20 p. m.).—The German fleet has surrendered to the British grand fleet, the British admiral announced today.

The American battleship squadron and French cruisers and destroyers participated in the ceremony, which was viewed by King George.

The surrender is understood to have taken place at a point about sixty miles east of May Isle. (May Isle is just off the entrance to the Firth of Forth, on the Scottish coast).

Four hundred allied vessels—the biggest fleet ever assembled—are reported to have met the Germans. The fleet included five American dreadnaughts.

The admiralty made the following announcement:

The commander-in-chief of the grand fleet reported at 9:40 a'clock this morning that he had met the first and main installment of the German high seas fleet, which is surrendering for internment."

The German high-seas fleet, comprising ten dreadnaughts, six battle cruisers, ten light cruisers and a number of destroyers, was to meet the allied fleet in the North Sea off the English coast for the formal ceremony of surrender.

According to plans the German warships were to have down a long lane of allied craft, comprising British, American, French, and perhaps Italian and other allied vessels. The surrender was to be received personally by Admiral Beattie, commander of the British grand fleet. Admiral Rodman is the American commander.

ABOARD THE BRITISH CRUISER DANALE IN THE NORTH SEA, Nov. 20.—One of the greatest chapters in the world's history was enacted today when twenty-seven German submarines surrendered without a fight.

The four British cruisers, and accompanying destroyers which constituted the reception committee, had cleared their decks for action in case the Germans attempted any treachery. The gunners were at their stations ready to fire at a second's notice when the U-boats began to appear singly through the fog.

"There They Are."

Harry Foster, a signal man, beside whom I was standing on the lower bridge of the Danale, sighted the leading submarine through his glasses, shouting: "There they are."

According to schedule, the rendezvous was to have occurred at 7:30 a. m., but the British reached the designated place ahead of time and passed beyond. They had progressed about five miles—thirty-six miles from Harwich—when they encountered the U-boats. The Germans did not hesitate, proceeding according to instructions through a lane of British destroyers toward the harbor. The only exchange of communications was when the cruiser Dragon signaled the submarines to carry out the formal surrender. Two American seaplanes were included in the aerial escort.

German Laughs.

Small boats with photographers aboard drew alongside the submarines. The Germans laughed and waved their hats at the photographers, smiling sheepishly.

When the U-boats came to anchor the British transferred the German crews together with their bread and potato rations, aboard a merchantman, on which they proceeded back to Kiel, the Dragon escorting them.

The surrender caused no excitement, the only thing in the way of a celebration being the blowing of a siren in Harwich. The officers and men on the British ships were quiet, the general attitude being that the German surrender was so contemptible it was nothing to crow about.

It was fitting that the surrender should be received by the man who was probably the U-boat's worst enemy. Rear Admiral Reginald Tyrwhitt, commander of the British destroyer force.